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On A Plate-Like Workpiece

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.26, applicant respectfully requests a refund of \$18.00 in connection with the referenced application, based on the following.

Before the filing of the amendment with Request For Continued Examination on 24 September 2003, there were 18 total claims in the application, of which 1 (Claim 1) was independent. To that point in the prosecution of the application, no additional claim fees were necessary.

The amendment filed with Request For Continued Examination on 24 September 2003 added Claims 20, 21, and 22; changed Claims 14 and 18 from dependent to independent; and cancelled Claim 13. This gave the application 21 total claims, of which 3 are independent.

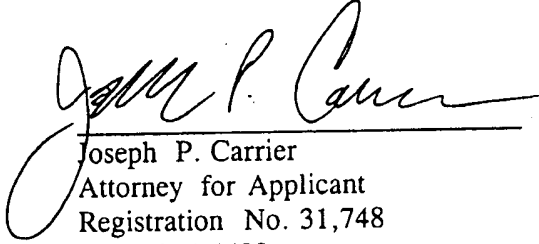
Paragraph 2 under "REMARKS" on Page 2 of the amendment filed 24 September 2003 states that "the claims in the application are claims 1-12 and 14-22", and authorizes a deposit account charge of \$18.00 "in payment of the fee for presentation of a 21st claim", which would be under Fee Code 1202.

Instead, the Patent Office has taken \$36.00 under Fee Code 1202, apparently observing that there is now a Claim 22 in the application, but missing the part of the amendment where Claim 13 was cancelled.

Based on the presented argument, applicant respectfully request that the Patent Office refund \$18.00 (of the \$36.00 it collected on 29 September 2003 under Fee Code 1202) to Deposit Account 50-0744, in the name of applicant's undersigned representative. Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. A duplicate copy of this Request For Refund is enclosed.

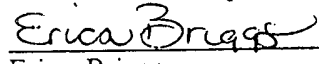
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